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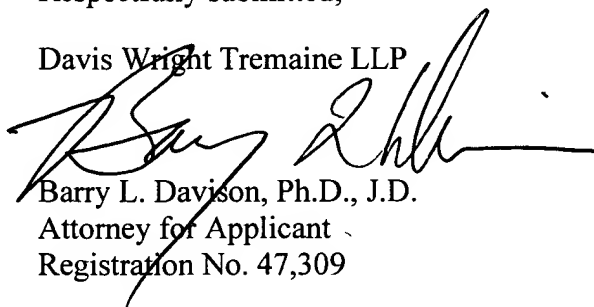
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Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the foregoing documents during examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicant has enclosed a completed Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant and is in the process of obtaining copies of the cited documents.

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